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SUBJECT: THIRD ARAB CONFERENCE ON MINERAL RESOURCES

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1. SUMMARY. THE THIRD ARAB CONFERENCE ON MINERAL  
RESOURCES, HELD IN RABAT APRIL 18-20 UNDER STRICT  
SECURITY MEASURES, WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES  
OF 21 ARAB COUNTRIES. ALGERIANS AND LIBYANS WERE  
CONSPICUOUS BY THEIR PRESENCE ON QUOTE TECHNICAL

UNQUOTE LEVEL, UNDERSCORING IMPORTANCE ARAB STATES SEEM TO HAVE ATTACHED TO MEETING. SAUDI ARABIAN DELEGATION, HEADED BY PETROLEUM AND MINERALS RESOURCES MINISTER YAMANI, PUT FORWARD PROPOSAL FOR CREATION OF ARAB ORGANIZATION FOR MINERAL RESOURCES. GOM LOBBIED HARD FOR PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS AND, DESPITE SOME SUPPORT FOR TUNIS, CONFERENCE FINALLY SETTLED ON RABAT. END SUMMARY.

2. CONFERENCE WAS PRECEDED BY SEMINARS HELD 15-17 APRIL IN RABAT--FIRST ON DEVELOPMENT AND EXPLOITATION OF PHOSPHATES; SECOND FOR LEAD, ZINC, AND COPPER.

3. SEMINAR ON PHOSPHATES RECOMMENDED: EXPANSION OF SEARCH FOR PHOSPHATES IN ARAB COUNTRIES USING MODERN SCIENTIFIC METHODS; MODERNIZATION OF PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING METHODS; DECENTRALIZATION OF PHOSPHATE PROCESSING TO REDUCE CONGESTION AND POLLUTION AND TO EXPAND REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT; EXPANSION OF TRAINING FACILITIES IN ARAB STATES FOR MINING TECHNICIANS AND ENGINEERS; INCREASED ATTENTION TO POTENTIAL FOR EXTRACTING OTHER ELEMENTS FROM PHOSPHATE RAW MATERIALS, ESPECIALLY URANIUM; COORDINATION OF ARAB POLICIES IN MARKETING OF PHOSPHATES.

4. SEMINAR ON LEAD, ZINC, AND COPPER APPROVED SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS: ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ORGANIZATION FOR PROMOTING AND COORDINATING USES OF ARAB MINERAL RESOURCES; SPECIALIZED SCIENTIFIC SEMINARS CONCERNING NON-FERROUS METAL AND PRECIOUS METALS; EXCHANGE OF RESEARCH BETWEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARAB COUNTRIES REGARDING MINERALS PRODUCTION AND MARKETING; INCREASED TRAINING OF TECHNICAL CADRES ON ALL LEVELS; EXCHANGE VISITS AMONG EXPERTS IN FIELD OF NON-FERROUS METALS IN ARAB WORLD; ADOPTION OF COMMON MEASURES TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT IN ALL AREAS OF MINING AND MANUFACTURING.

5. REAL WORK WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN PRE-CONFERENCE WORKING MEETINGS. FORMAL SESSIONS ON MONDAY, APRIL 18 WERE LARGELY CEREMONIAL. APRIL 19 MEETING CONSISTED OF PAPERS ON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FOCUSSED ON MINING SECTOR. APRIL 20 SESSION GIVEN OVER TO ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS WORKED OUT IN TECHNICAL MEETINGS REPORTED ABOVE, AND CEREMONIAL CLOSURE.

6. MOROCCAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE, ABDELLATIF GHISSASSI WHO SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF CONFERENCE, STATED AT CLOSE OF SESSIONS THAT MOST IMPORTANT DECISION (UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED) WAS TO SET UP ARAB ORGANIZATION FOR MINERAL RESOURCES INTENDED TO

PRODUCE STUDIES AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF MINERAL PRODUCTS. PARTICIPATING ARAB STATES WERE REQUESTED TO APPROVE ORGANIZATIONAL BY-LAWS NO LATER THAN 16 JUNE 1977, AND AMMAN WAS CHOSEN AS SITE FOR FOURTH CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN 1980.

7. COMMENT: REPRESENTATIVES FROM NON-ARAB COUNTRIES WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN PERMISSION ATTEND SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE OR EVEN TO GAIN ACCESS TO HOTEL IN WHICH SESSIONS WERE HELD. EMBOFFS SAW FONMIN CHIEF OF ECONOMIC AND COOPERATION AFFAIRS ALAOUI WEEK BEFORE CONFERENCE CONVENED. CONCERN REPORTED RABAT 1489 THAT ONE OBJECTIVE OF CONFERENCE MIGHT BE TO LINK ARAB OIL AND OTHER MINERALS STRATEGIES WAS NOT MITIGATED WHEN ALAOUI ASSERTED THAT CONFERENCE WOULD CONSIDER OIL AS ONE ASPECT OF ARAB MINERAL WEALTH. SIMILARLY, KNOWN TOPICS OF DISCUSSION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORTED PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE SUGGEST THAT INTER-LINKAGE OF PRODUCTION AND MARKETING STRATEGIES BETWEEN PRODUCERS OF VARIOUS MINERALS AND BETWEEN OIL AND MINERALS PRODUCERS MAY WELL HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED. PRESENCE OF LOW-RANKING, QUOTE TECHNICAL-LEVEL UNQUOTE ALGERIAN AND LIBYAN REPS MAY ALSO INDICATE CONFERENCE TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY RADICAL STATES. FINALLY, COMMENTS TO FRENCH NEWSMEN BY KING HASSAN DURING COURSE OF CONFERENCE REGARDING MOROCCAN POSITION IN APPROACHING RENEWED CIEC DISCUSSION (RABAT 2184) HINT THAT PRE-CONFERENCE RUMORS OF LINKAGE STRATEGY MAY BE NEAR THE MARK. EMBASSY APPRECIATES PRE-CONFERENCE READOUTS FROM CAIRO, KUWAIT AND KHARTOUM. WILL CONTINUE OUR REPORTING AS VIEWS OF GOM PARTICIPANTS FILTER OUT. HOPE OTHER POSTS WILL RELAY WHAT THEY PICK UP AS DELEGATIONS RETURN HOME. END COMMENT.  
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